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EXECUTIVE BOARDS

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- 1. IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER OF FINANCE WHO IS ALREADY ENROUTE TO U.S. VIA BRUSSELS AND OTTAWA, CHARGE CALLED ON PERMSEC FOR FINANCE ABRAHAM MAPETLA SEP 20 TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS PER PARA 8 REFTEL. MAPETLA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ISSUE AND THAT LESOTHO WOULD COOPERATE IN SEARCHING FOR ALTERNATIVES TO DISRUPTING PRESENT BALANCE IN THE BOARDS.
- 2. LESOTHO DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF MINISTER OF FINANCE E. R. SEKHONYANA, WHO IS GOL REPRESENTATIVE TO IBRD; MAPETLA, WHO IS REPRESENTATIVE TO IMF; SAM MONTSI, ACTING DIRECTOR OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CENTRAL PLANNING OFFICE; AND TIMOTHY THAHANE, GOL REPRESENTA-

TIVE IN EC NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMENT. LESOTHO DOES NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE IN THESE MATTERS AND WE DOUBT GOL DELEGATION WILL MAKE MUCH IMPRESSION ON PARTIES CONCERNED, BUT MAPETLA SAID THEY WOULD AT LEAST HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. FURTHERMORE, LESOTHO DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY FEEL OBLIGATION TO GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS IF ONE DEVELOPS AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES. NEVERTHELESS, SEKHONYANA, HEAD OF GOL DELEGATION, IS ABLE, INTELLIGENT AND VERY FRIENDLY TO U.S.; HE WOULD BE WILLING DISCUSS ISSUES OPENLY AND FRANKLY WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVES. HAUGHT

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